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1. NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND LATE THIS AFTERNOON (DECEMBER 21) SENT THE AMBASSADOR A MEMORANDUM EXPRESSING THE REACTION OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR CREATING AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP. CONFIRMING WHAT FRYDENLUND HAD EARLIER TOLD THE AMBASSADOR, THE MEMORANDUM STATES THAT NORWAY TAKES A FAVORABLE VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE BUT SUGGESTS THAT THE FORUM FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION "BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION." NORWAY IS OF THE OPINION, THE MEMO STATES, "THAT THESE QUESTIONS COULD INITIALLY BE TAKEN UP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OECD."

2. TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT. IN PRINCIPLE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TAKES A

FAVOURABLE VIEW OF THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR. KISSINGER IN HIS SPEECH IN LONDON DECEMBER 12TH TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION AND A CO-ORDINATED ATTITUDE WITHIN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT SECTORS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY. THE GOVERNMENT REGARDS THIS INITIATIVE AS AN ENDEAVOUR TO AVOID RIVALRY AND COMPETITION BETWEEN NATIONS, DAMAGING TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT, IN HIS PROPOSAL FOR AN ACTIVE EFFORT TO BE MADE BY THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN, DR. KISSINGER HAS ADVOCATED THAT THE PRODUCING NATIONS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT EFFORT OF THIS NATURE. NORWAY CONSIDERS IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE PRODUCING NATIONS SHOULD FROM THE OUTSET BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THIS CO-OPERATIVE VENTURE AS WELL AS THE CONSUMER NATIONS. THE AIM SHOULD BE TO ESTABLISH CO-OPERATION WITH REGARD TO ENERGY PROBLEMS ON THE WIDEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL BASES.

THE QUESTION OF THE FORUM FOR SUCH CO-OPERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THESE QUESTIONS COULD INITIALLY BE TAKEN UP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OECD.

IN SO FAR AS THE EXPLOITATION OF WORLD ENERGY RESOURCES IS CONCERNED, THE MAJOR AIM MUST BE TO SECURE A GLOBAL AND FUTURE-ORIENTATED POLICY. THIS OBJECTIVE IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT IN RELATION TO THE QUESTION OF PROVIDING PRODUCERS WITH AN INCENTIVE TO INCREASE PETROLEUM SUPPLIES. PETROLEUM RESOURCES CAN NOT BE REPLACED, AND CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN NOT TO ENCOURAGE EXPLOITATION AT A FORCED PACE. THIS IS ALSO THE POLICY OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE EXPLOITATION OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES ON THE NORWEGIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. END TEXT. BYRNE

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